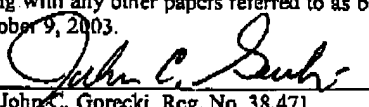


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction dated September 9, 2003, applicants elect Species

A corresponding to Figs. 2, 3, and 8. Claims 1, 10, 11, 19, read on this elected species.

The species/figures/claims groupings are as follows:

Species	Figures	Claims
A	2, 3, and 8	1, 10, 11, and 19
B	4-7	3-9, and 12-18, and 22-25
C	9-14	20-21

Applicants note that no grouping has been specified for claim 2 as the original specification did not contain an original claim 2. As this does not appear to affect the dependency of any of the other claims, i.e., none of the other claims attempt to depend from claim 2, no amendments to rectify this inadvertent oversight have been attempted. Applicants will treat claim 2 as if it had been canceled in subsequent interactions with the PTO unless otherwise directed by the Examiner.

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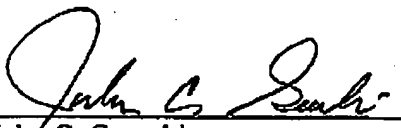
If there are any questions or concerns regarding the amendments or these remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If any fees are due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502246 (Ref: NN-12728).

Respectfully Submitted

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